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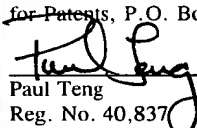
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It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

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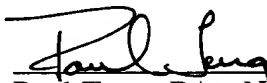
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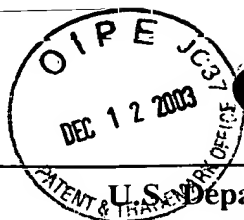
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Alternatively, Applicant requests consideration of the information in this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1). The items listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the European search report dated October 3, 2003 (copy enclosed).

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